



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.9
Soil moisture supplies: 27% very short, 36% short, and 37% adequate

Field Crops Report
Dry conditions returned across the state with the year-to-date rainfall nearly 13 inches below normal. Dry weather allowed producers to complete rice harvest and provided ample time for fall field preparations. Some rice producers were preparing to build levees for next year’s rice crop. Sugarcane harvest got underway. Soybean harvest continued with yields being lower due to dry conditions and late season cercospora fungus damage. Land preparation continued for planting of wheat.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Citrus producers were selling satsumas. Strawberry producers were busy planting. Vegetable producers continued planting and working crops. Pecan harvest continued. Crawfish producers continued flooding ponds.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Cattlemen were preparing pastures for ryegrass planting.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Harvested	90	80	82	58
Pecans	Harvested	11	2	12	9
Rice	Harvested	100	99	99	98
Soybeans	Turning Color	100	99	100	99
	Dropping Leaves	96	94	98	95
	Harvested	90	80	85	78
Sugarcane	Planted	100	98	99	95
	Harvested	8	1	9	5
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	47	35	54	44
Winter Wheat	Planted	2	N/A	0	0

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	10	16	32	33	9
Livestock	4	16	40	37	3
Vegetables	14	20	42	23	1
Sweet Potatoes	6	5	20	69	0
Pasture	18	22	39	19	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 10/2/11 TO 10/09/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	89	43	67	69	0.00	0.06	17.79	38.91
Minden	90	43	69	68	0.00	0.58	22.06	41.96
Mooringsport	88	44	69	MM	0.00	1.82	21.36	35.36
Shreveport South	90	44	68	MM	0.00	1.16	21.17	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	90	43	69	69	0.00	1.19	MM.MM	39.93
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	89	39	65	69	0.00	0.52	30.12	42.37
Homer/Hill Farm	89	(36)	64	68	0.00	0.23	22.02	42.40
Bienville 3 NE	90	38	68	69	0.00	0.03	27.67	46.45
Farmerville	88	45	68	MM	0.00	1.17	26.42	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	90	36	67	69	0.00	0.49	MM.MM	43.31
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	85	46	67	69	0.00	4.40	36.29	44.64
LSU-St Joseph	88	41	65	70	0.00	0.10	36.37	43.22
Tallulah	86	46	67	68	0.00	1.20	34.96	44.59
Extreme/Average	88	41	67	69	0.00	2.80	36.29	43.73
4. West-Central								
Leesville	87	38	67	69	0.00	0.72	23.04	43.71
Ashland	90	37	68	68	0.00	0.31	22.81	41.81
Hodges Gardens	87	51	71	MM	0.00	0.48	23.81	43.04
Extreme/Average	90	37	69	69	0.00	0.50	23.04	42.59
5. Central								
Alexandria	87	47	69	72	0.00	0.68	29.27	45.76
Jonesville Locks	84	48	67	71	0.00	0.00	35.97	44.24
Eunice	88	49	70	73	0.00	2.26	28.55	46.46
Bunkie	85	43	67	71	0.00	0.94	31.93	46.95
Extreme/Average	88	43	69	71	0.00	1.29	29.92	46.39
6. East-Central								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	1.16	40.28	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	0.65	45.82	51.66
LSU-Hammond	84	44	65	71	0.00	1.73	37.25	51.32
Slidell	83	49	69	72	0.01	3.11	47.76	50.68
Extreme/Average	84	44	69	71	0.01	3.11	47.76	51.28
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	88	47	70	71	0.00	0.45	23.87	46.51
Jennings	87	49	70	72	0.40	2.16	34.67	47.22
LSU-Crowley	86	48	68	72	0.00	1.79	36.92	47.16
Oberlin Fire Tow	86	46	68	72	0.00	1.68	28.17	51.94
Extreme/Average	88	46	69	72	0.13	1.43	31.42	47.98
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	84	48	68	72	0.00	1.71	37.15	49.68
LSU-Jeanerette	84	48	66	71	0.00	0.82	32.36	50.33
Morgan City	86	56	70	73	0.00	1.35	36.28	53.02
Lafayette	86	47	68	72	0.00	1.25	46.56	47.38
Extreme/Average	86	47	69	73	0.00	1.44	40.00	50.77
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	(94)	61	75	MM	0.00	6.70	40.87	46.35
Galliano	83	50	70	73	0.00	2.20	47.99	54.34
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	74	0.00	2.23	35.71	52.14
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.00	2.55	45.04	51.49
Extreme/Average	94	50	73	73	0.00	4.47	MM.MM	52.49
State Averages	94	36	69	71	0.02	1.88	34.21	47.17

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through October 9, 2011

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